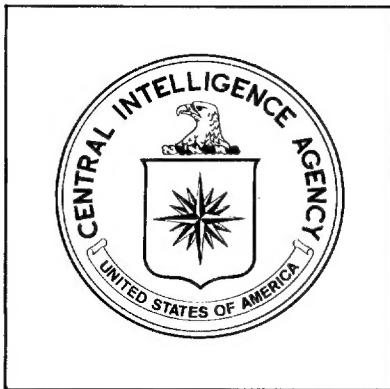


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Theses for the 25th CPSU Congress?

A senior economist in Moscow's Institute for World Socialist Economy recently told a US embassy officer that policies agreed upon at a CEMA summit this fall will be aligned with "theses" for the 25th CPSU Congress to be held in February. He said that drafting of the theses has now been completed, and that they are being reviewed at various levels, including the CPSU Central Committee Secretariat and the "Central Committee itself." He predicted that the theses will probably be published in the Soviet press in November, or possibly earlier.

This is the first report we have had of theses for the 25th congress. "Theses" are not usually published in connection with a party congress; there were none for either of the last two (1966 and 1971). "Theses" are usually reserved for major landmark occasions--for example, the 100th anniversary of Lenin's birth in 1970, or the 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. Khrushchev, on the other hand, used them to launch public discussion of his educational reform. If the economist is right and there are, indeed, "theses" being prepared for the 25th congress, the event may be presented in an unusually dramatic framework as an historic landmark.

The 22nd Congress in 1961, among other things, approved a visionary Party Program, mapping out the stages toward reaching communism in the coming decades. This program, bearing Khrushchev's stamp, has been an embarrassment to the current leadership since Khrushchev's ouster. Brezhnev and others have shown some interest in giving this congress--probably his last--a similarly programmatic character that would put their stamp on the future and replace the 1961 program. The "theses" could be the way they hope to accomplish their aim.

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CHRONOLOGY

October 7 A new Soviet - East German friendship treaty is signed in Moscow by Brezhnev and East German party leader Honecker to highlight the GDR's 26th anniversary. [REDACTED] 25X1

USSR and Bulgaria sign in Moscow a protocol on coordinating their national economic plans for the 1976-80 period. [REDACTED] 25X1

Brezhnev speaks at the observance in Moscow of the 250th anniversary of the Academy of Sciences. [REDACTED] 25X1

A meeting of the US-Soviet Trade and Economic Council ends in Washington, and the participants are received by President Ford; Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Alkhimov led the Soviet side. [REDACTED] 25X1

October 8 Assistant Secretary of State Hartman commences a three-day, official visit to Czechoslovakia. [REDACTED] 25X1

Visiting Yugoslav Premier Bijedic is received for 90 minutes in Peking by chairman Mao Tse-tung; Bijedic also has his two final rounds of talks with Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao-ping. [REDACTED] 25X1

Yugoslavia and China agree to set up a joint committee to promote trade. [REDACTED]

Secretary of Commerce Morton concludes a four-day, official visit to Warsaw for a meeting of the US-Polish Trade Council. [REDACTED] 25X1

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October 8 North Vietnamese party chief Le Duan concludes a six-day, official visit to Hungary and begins a one-week visit to Bulgaria. [redacted] 25X1

October 9 Czechoslovak Deputy Foreign Minister Spacil ends a four-day, official visit to the UK. [redacted] 25X1

USSR purchases from Canada an additional 150,000 tons of wheat, 50,000 tons of oats, and 300,000 tons of barley, bringing Soviet grain purchases from Canada during 1975 to 4.3 million tons. [redacted] 25X1

Two South Koreans return home from Moscow, where they attended an international gathering of United Nations Associations; they are the first South Koreans admitted to the USSR for a non-sporting event in several years. [redacted] 25X1

Prominent dissident physicist Sakharov is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. [redacted] 25X1

Politburo candidate member Ponomarev and other party secretaries meet in East Berlin for two days of talks on preparations for a European Communist Party Conference. [redacted] 25X1

Polish party chief Gierek and Premier Jaroszewicz confer with visiting FRG Foreign Minister Genscher, who signs four agreements on economic and emigration matters. [redacted] 25X1

Party secretaries from the nine CEMA member-states convene in Moscow to prepare an agreed document for the coming CEMA summit sessions. [redacted] 25X1

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October 9

Secretary of Commerce Morton concludes a brief, official visit to Hungary.

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Syrian President Asad and Defense Minister Talas commence a "brief" visit to Moscow; Brezhnev heads the Soviet greeters at the airport.

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October 10

Albanian party's Central Committee holds its eighth plenum meeting to discuss the question of drafting a new constitution; "relevant decisions" are adopted.

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Politburo member and Minister of Agriculture Polyansky, speaking at the Moscow observance of Soviet agricultural workers day, acknowledges the bad effect on the harvest of "unusual weather conditions."

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Brezhnev confers with visiting Syrian President Asad, who then concludes his brief visit to the USSR; Defense Minister Talas reportedly remains behind an additional two days.

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President Ford lifts the embargo on US grain sales to Poland.

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October 11

Undersecretary of State for Economic Affairs Robinson concludes 12 days of talks in the USSR on long-term grain and oil deals.

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Hungarian Foreign Minister Puja returns home from New York, where he attended the current sessions of the UN General Assembly.

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October 11 USSR publishes the annual party slogans
for the anniversary of the Bolshevik
Revolution. [redacted]

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Politburo member Kulakov arrives in
Bulgaria "on vacation;" he confers
with party/state chief Zhivkov on
October 12. [redacted]

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October 12 Soviet cosmonauts Leonov and Kubasov
begin a 15-day, official visit to the
US. [redacted]

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Yugoslav Foreign Minister Minic begins
a three-day, official visit to Portugal.
[redacted]

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Romanian party secretary Banc concludes
his official visit to China. [redacted]

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Yugoslav Premier Bijedic concludes his
one-week, official visit to China and
flies to Singapore to begin a three-day,
"working visit." [redacted]

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October 13 Bulgarian party/state leader Zhivkov
arrives in Tunisia for four days of
official business. Due to go on to
Morocco. [redacted]

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Politburo candidate-member Demichev con-
fers "in a warm and friendly atmosphere"
with the daughter of Bulgarian party/
state leader Zhivkov; she is in Moscow
as the chairperson of a Bulgarian cul-
tural delegation. [redacted]

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Albania and Venezuela establish full
diplomatic relations. [redacted]

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October 13 East German party chief Honecker concludes his eight-day, official visit to the USSR, flying home from Volgograd. [redacted]

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Council of Ministers convenes in Moscow; Premier Kosygin delivers a report on progress in developing the economic plan for 1976-80. [redacted]

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Yugoslav Defense Minister Ljubicic begins an official visit to Czechoslovakia. [redacted]

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A Chinese delegation arrives in Yugoslavia for talks on bilateral scientific-technical cooperation. [redacted]

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CEMA Executive Committee--deputy premier-level--convenes in Moscow for its 73rd meeting. [redacted]

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Czechoslovak Premier Strougal begins a three-day, official visit to Libya. [redacted]

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October 14 French President Giscard d'Estaing begins a five-day, state visit to the USSR; he is greeted by Brezhnev and others. [redacted]

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Dutch Foreign Minister Van der Stoel begins a three-day, official visit to Poland. [redacted]

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USSR establishes full diplomatic relations with Tonga. [redacted]

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NATO exercise Certain Trek commences in Bavaria; Yugoslavia is the only East European state to accept the invitation to send observers. [redacted]

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October 14 Romanian President Ceausescu unexpectedly cancels his trip to Yugoslavia slated to begin on October 15. [redacted]

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FUTURE EVENTS

October 15 North Vietnamese party chief Le Duan to conclude his one-week, official visit to Bulgaria; he will go to at least East Germany--and probably the USSR--before returning home. [redacted]

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mid-October Bulgarian party/state chief Zhivkov to make a official visit to Mauritania.

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October 17 Communist bloc emigres to convoke a three-day tribunal, the so-called Sakharov hearings, in Copenhagen on human rights violations in the USSR.

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October 22 Pakistani Prime Minister Bhutto to begin a three-day, official visit to Romania. [redacted]

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October 23 Portuguese President Costa Gomes to begin a three-day, state visit to Yugoslavia. [redacted]

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October 26 Romanian Foreign Trade Minister Patan to begin an official visit to the US.

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late October Fedayeen leader Arafat expected to visit the USSR. [redacted]

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Romanian President Ceausescu likely to make a state visit to Portugal.

[redacted]

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early November Italian President Leone to make a state visit to the USSR. [redacted] 25X1

November 3 US-Romanian Economic Commission to convene in Washington for a two-day meeting. [redacted] 25X1

November 5 GDR-FRG border commission to convene at Wiesbaden. [redacted] 25X1

November 6-7 Soviets to mark the 58th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution. [redacted] 25X1

November 10 FRG President Scheel to commence a one-week, state visit to the USSR.
[redacted] 25X1

November 11 Hungarian Premier Lazar to begin a five-day, official visit to Italy.
[redacted]

November Polish economic delegation to go to West Germany for further talks on prospects for bilateral cooperation.
[redacted] 25X1

mid-November Bulgarian Foreign Minister Mladenov to make an official visit to Yugoslavia.
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